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Main Street: Alternate routes encouraged

THE COLONY, Texas — Work has been underway on the Main Street Widening Project for nearly eight months. Recent rainy weather has slowed the project but it remains on schedule to be completed in the fall of 2017.

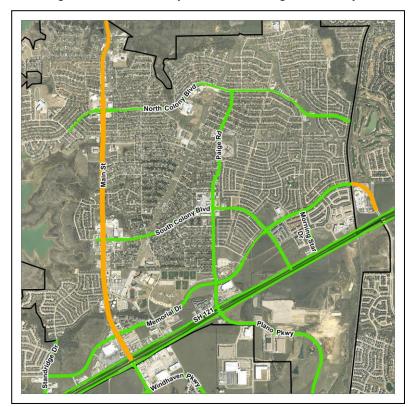
The city receives weekly updates from the Texas Department of Transportation regarding when and where lane closures are planned. Those updates are in turn shared with the public via our website, social media, and e-newsletter. Please click here for the latest information.

Every effort is made to ensure lane closures take place during off-peak hours between 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. weekdays *when at all possible*. On occasion, a given day's project (such as pouring asphalt) may extend beyond the scheduled time because it must be finished. Overnight closures are also scheduled when necessary.

Regardless, city officials understand that significant traffic delays do occur throughout the day,

especially at the major cross streets such as North Colony Boulevard, South Colony Boulevard, and Memorial Drive. The Colony Police officers also routinely patrol major intersections to watch for drivers who illegally block an intersection, further obstructing traffic.

The city sympathizes with commuters' frustration and encourages drivers to utilize alternate routes if possible to avoid Main Street construction. The inset map at right highlights the city's primary thoroughfares. The



Memorial-Spring Creek underpass was recently opened to traffic, providing new access to State Highway 121. In recent years, improvements have been made to widen Paige Road in advance of the Main Street project as another north-south thoroughfare.

More information is available in a <u>video</u> produced by the city which outlines the scope of the project and calls on residents for patience and safety as the work progresses. Residents with concerns may also contact Government Relations Director Brant Shallenburger at 972-624-3108 or by email at bshallenburger@thecolonytx.gov.

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